



Docket No.: 21298 US (C038435/0183236)

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tatsuo HOSHINO *et al.*)
Serial No.: 10/518,530)
Filed: June 20, 2005)
For: **PROCESS FOR PRODUCING**)
CAROTENOIDS)
Examiner: I. Marx
Art Unit: 1651

New York, New York
January 12, 2009

**SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING RCE:
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Submission Accompanying RCE is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2008, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before January 12, 2009. 37 CFR §§ 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check for the extension of time fee in an amount of \$490.00. 37 CFR § 1.17.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal is enclosed.

Also enclosed is a check for the RCE fee of \$810.00. 37 CFR § 1.17(e).

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Please charge any required or missing fees not otherwise authorized for payment or paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 4 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 6 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 10 of this paper.